

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a polynucleotide comprising a protein-coding region of the nucleotide sequence according to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683;
 - (b) a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 2189-4376 and SEQ ID NOS: 4684-4990;
 - (c) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide, which comprises the amino acid sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: SEQ ID NOS: 2189-4376 and SEQ ID NOS: 4684-4990 wherein one or more amino acids have been substituted, deleted, inserted, and/or added, and which is functionally equivalent to the polypeptide comprising the selected amino acid sequence as described above;
 - (d) a polynucleotide which hybridizes to a polynucleotide comprising the nucleotide sequence selected from SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683, and which comprises the nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide functionally equivalent to a polypeptide encoded by the selected nucleotide sequence as described above;
 - (e) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a partial amino acid sequence of a polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotides according to any one of (a) - (d) ;
 - (f) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 70% identity to the nucleotide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683; and
 - (g) a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence having at least 90% identity to the nucleotide sequence of any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683.

2. (Withdrawn) A polypeptide encoded by the polynucleotide according to claim 1, or a partial peptide thereof.
3. (Withdrawn) An antibody which binds to the polypeptide or the peptide according to claim 2.
4. (Currently amended) An immunoassay method for the polypeptide or the peptide according to claim 2, which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) contacting the polypeptide or the peptide ~~according to claim 2~~ with an ~~the~~ antibody binding to said polypeptide or said peptide according to claim 3; and
 - (b) observing the binding between the two.
5. (Original) A vector comprising the polynucleotide according to claim 1.
6. (Original) A transformant comprising the polynucleotide according to claim 1 or the vector according to claim 5.
7. (Original) A transformant which comprises the polynucleotide according to claim 1 or vector according to claim 5 in an expressible manner.
8. (Currently amended) A method for producing ~~a the~~ polypeptide or ~~a the~~ peptide ~~according to claim 2~~, which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) culturing the transformant according to claim 7; and
 - (b) recovering the expression product.
9. (Original) An oligonucleotide comprising 15 or more nucleotides, which comprises the nucleotide sequence according to any one of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683, or a nucleotide sequence complementary to the complementary strand thereof.

10. (Original) A primer for synthesizing a polynucleotide, which comprises the oligonucleotide according to claim 9.
11. (Original) A probe for detecting a polynucleotide, which comprises the oligonucleotide according to claim 9.
12. (Original) A polynucleotide according to any one of:
 - (a) an antisense polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence complementary to the transcript of the polynucleotide according to claim 1;
 - (b) a polynucleotide with the ribozyme activity for specifically cleaving the transcript of the polynucleotide according to claim 1; and
 - (c) a polynucleotide which downregulates the expression of the polynucleotide of claim 1 due to RNAi activity in a host cell.
13. (Currently amended) A method for detecting the polynucleotide according to claim 1, which comprises the steps of:
 - (a) incubating a target polynucleotide with an the oligonucleotide according to claim 9 under conditions ensuring hybridization, wherein said oligonucleotide comprises the nucleotide sequence according to any one of SEQ ID NOs: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOs: 4377-4683, or a nucleotide sequence complementary to the complementary strand thereof, and comprises 15 or more nucleotides; and
 - (b) detecting the hybridization between the target polynucleotide and the oligonucleotide ~~according to claim 9~~.
14. (Withdrawn) A database of polynucleotides and/or polypeptides, which comprises information on at least one of the nucleotide sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 1-2188 and SEQ ID NOS: 4377-4683 and/or on at least one of the amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOS: 2189-4376 and SEQ ID NOS: 4684-4990.